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THE FOL TEL FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED DEC 28, 1973 TO  
COLOMBO IS REPTED:

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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF SHIP BY SRI LANKA

REF: STATE 237570

1. DOD HAS LOCATED ONE 95 FOOT COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT  
(WPB) "CAPE" CLASS WHICH AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO GSL. WE  
THINK WPB WOULD BE VERY SUITABLE FOR SRI LANKA NAVY  
PATROL REQUIREMENTS IF GSL WILLING MAKE EXPENDITURE.  
BOAT REQUIRES SMALL CREW OF 1 OFFICER, 10 MEN.

2. SALE PRICE OF BOAT IN "AS IS" CONDITION IS ONLY  
\$20,000. HUL IS IN GOOD CONDITION BUT EXTENSIVE REHABILI-  
TATION JOB IS NECESSARY TO MAKE BOAT OPERATIONAL. COST  
OF PUTTING BOAT IN COMPLETELY OPERATIONAL CONDITION WITH  
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FOUR NEW DIESEL ENGINES, TWO YEAT SUPPLY SPARE PARTS,  
NECESSARY NAVIGATIONAL SONAR AND RADAR GEAR WOULD COME TO

ABOUT DOLLARS 350 THOUSAND. HOWEVER, ONCE REHABILITATION ACCOMPLISHED BOAT WOULD BE IN VIRTUALLY SAME CONDITION AS NEW VESSEL. WE ARE CHECKING WHETHER ANY CORNERS CAN BE CUT TO LOWER COST WITHOUT SACRIFICING SEAWORTHINESS AND EQUIPMENT ESSENTIAL TO SRI LANKA NAVY MISSION, BUT GSL SHOULD BE AWARE \$350 THOUSAND FIGURE DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR ANY LUXURIES. THERE IS NO PROSPECT FOR USG CREDIT FOR SALE; GSL WOULD HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO PAY CASH.

3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY ABOVE GENERAL INFORMATION ON SHIP TO GSL. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE NOT AT THIS STAGE GIVING FIRM OFFER BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GENERAL GSL REACTION. YOU MAY EXPLAIN WE WILL OFFER MORE DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS IF CEYLONSE ARE INTERESTED. KISSINGER

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